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SUBJ: INDONESIAN REACTION TO NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT

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1. ONLY OFFICIAL INDONESIAN REACTION TO NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WAS STATEMENT MAY 1 BY FONDEPT SPOKESMAN THAT INDONESIA HAS NOT RECOGNIZED NEW GOP, AND THAT GOI IS AWAITING SPINOLA GOVERNMENT'S DECISIONS PARTICULARLY ON ITS COLONIAL TERRITORIES IN AFRICA. IN ONLY OTHER COMMENT BY GOI OFFICIAL, PARLIAMENT VICE SPEAKER (AND GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED LIGHTWEIGHT) JOHN NARO WELCOMED FALL OF "PORTUGUESE DICTATOR CAETANO" AND ADDED THIS WOULD BRING FRESH AIR TO SUCH PLACES AS ANGOLA, PORTUGUESE GUINEA, MOZAMBIQUE AND PORTUGUESE TIMOR, WHICH ARE STILL UNDER GRIP OF COLONIALISM.

2. ON MAY 2 EMBOFFS MET WITH PORTUGUESE CONSUL GIRAO (WHO ARRIVED IN NOV 1973). HE STATED THAT NEITHER GOI NOR PRESS HAS QUERIED HIM CONCERNING NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. HE HAD HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM LISBON TO
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APPROACH GOI. GIRAO WAS NOT CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY

OF ANY IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR WHERE THERE IS NO VISIBLE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, OR BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND INDONESIA WHICH EVEN DURING SUKARNO ERA NEVER CLAIMED PORTUGUESE TIMOR. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN GOOD, HE SAID (E.G., IN MARCH INDONESIAN GOVERNOR IN KUPANG MADE FRIENDLY VISIT TO COUNTERPART IN DILI.) GIRAO WAS CONCERNED THAT LEFTIST ELEMENTS MAY NOW FLOW INTO PORTUGUESE TIMOR TO INCITE SOME KIND OF

GUERRILLA MOVEMENT.

3. COMMENT: WE AGREE THERE NO EVIDENCE THAT GOI HAS DESIGNS ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR. IN PAST GOI OFFICIALS SUCH AS FONMIN MALIK HAVE INDICATED THAT, SHOULD PORTUGUESE TIMOR OBTAIN INDEPENDENCE THROUGH OWN EFFORTS, INDONESIA WOULD WELCOME SUCH A MOVE, BUT WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN AN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. GOI'S MAIN CONCERN IS THAT SHOULD PORTUGUESE TIMOR FALL UNDER A LEFTIST REGIME, IT MIGHT BECOME A BASE FOR ANTI-GOI ELEMENTS WHO MAY INFILTRATE INDONESIAN TERRITORY.
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